

## MEDIA RELEASE

## FOURTH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

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On Wednesday July 10 at 11:45 a.m., the Santa Barbara City Fire Department will be recognizing several Fire Department and Red Cross Volunteers during a luncheon at Station 1, 121 W. Carrillo Street. These Volunteers have been instrumental in assisting the Fire Department with several programs this year including the Fire Safety House Program, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, and several other public education outreach programs.

This year the Fire Safety House visited 13 local area schools and reached 914 third graders with important fire and life safety information with a new inflatable Fire Safety House. The new Fire Safety House was purchased with the generous contributions of the Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance. This first year using the new safety house was a successful learning experience for the Fire Crews, Volunteers, and School Staff. The portability of the new Fire Safety House gave the Crews and Volunteers the ability to reach more schools than in previous years.

The volunteers contributed a total of 896 hours to the Fire Department. Without the collaboration of the Red Cross Volunteers and assistance of the Fire Department Volunteers many public education programs would not have been accomplished this year.

"When you volunteer it shows that you have a passion for something with NO STRINGS attached." John Maxwell

This is the Department's opportunity to honor those that have given their time and energy to volunteer and contribute to our Community.



Santa Barbara City Fire Engineer Dean Millan and Firefighter Isaac Siegel at Monroe School



New SB Fire Department Fire Safety House

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